

GERMANS EVACUATE AND BLOW UP FORT VAUX AT VERDUN

WOMEN STRIPPED OF CLOTHING BY MEXICAN BANDITS

Villistas Shoot 29 Guards and Rob Train.

BEAT GERMAN PASSENGER

Doctor Mistaken for American Citizen

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, Nov. 2.—After shooting the twenty-nine Carranza military guards of the south-bound passenger train which left here Monday, Villa bandits looted the train, robbed the passengers and even took the clothing from the women passengers.

Doctor Hafner, a German passenger on the train, who was mistaken for an American, was struck over the head by one of the bandits who used his gun as a club. Doctor Hafner was not seriously injured.

The bandits, who were in command of Murga brothers and Sylvester Quevedo, then abandoned the train, carrying the loot away in mule-drawn wagons.

Two Hundred Bandits.

There were approximately 200 in the command which held up the passenger train as it was approaching Laguna station. The bandits could be seen plainly by the engine crew and passengers before the train was stopped but because of the nature of the country escape was impossible. After commanding the engineer to stop, one of the bandits went through the train, ordering passengers to alight so they could be searched. The conductor, whose name is not known, was shot in the hip.

Guzman Also Shot.

The twenty-nine Carranza soldiers from the Juarez garrison who were traveling in the boxcar just back of the tender, were ordered to alight and were shot down in view of the passengers. This shot was in command of Captain Guzman, who also was shot.

Robber Captured, Bank Funds Found

NILES, Mich., Nov. 2.—Soon after the State bank at Euclid, near here was robbed of \$4,050 yesterday by a single bandit the money was recovered in a swamp by officers who followed a man there. They say he confessed robbing the bank. He gave the name of Frank Rainey of Hillsdale, Mich.

Weights Are Pasted on Bread Loaves

Oklahoma City bread buyers are getting just what they pay for today. Retagging of loaf bread showing the true weight started in local bakeries this morning, according to E. B. Roach, inspector of weights and measures.

"Twelve ounce loaves have been cut to ten ounces and the fourteen-ounce kind now weigh twelve ounces," said the inspector, "but every loaf is labeled, giving its exact weight."

'GOLD BOOK' TO BE PREPARED IN BUILDING PLAN

Expected Contributors to Y. M. C. A. Fund to Be Listed.

Is your name in the city directory? Then it is entirely possible that it will be put into a "gold book" being prepared by S. S. Smith, appointed last night at a meeting of the provisional Y. M. C. A. campaign executive committee to list men expected to donate to the \$250,000 fund for erecting a building in Oklahoma City.

Mr. Smith said today that from the directory he will select names of those he and the committee feels will contribute to the campaign. The city will then be cut up into districts in a manner similar to the districting done by the Chamber of Commerce in its recent expansion campaign.

Workers will be assigned to each district and asked to interview the men listed therein. No worker will be allowed to solicit outside his own territory.

Members of the committee, fourteen of whom were selected last night, are: A. J. McMahon, chairman; D. I. Johnson, G. G. Kerr, R. A. Kleinfeld, G. G. Schellberg, C. C. Roberts, Jr., E. B. McKillip, Anton H. Classen, Walter Caldwell, Mayor Ed Overholser, Ed S. Vaughn, J. H. Eberest, Leon B. Levy, C. B. Ames, S. S. Smith, Allen Street, John E. O'Neill, Henry Hoffman and S. M. Gloyd.

Six more men, who will bring the membership of the committee to twenty-five, have yet to be chosen.

Local Boy Aboard Ill-Fated British Horseboat Marina



Tom Anderson.

Tom Anderson, 26 years old, of Oklahoma City, was on the Marina when that boat was sunk Saturday by a German submarine. Anderson escaped in a lifeboat and is said to be safe on the Irish coast. He is a son of Mrs. T. R. Anderson, 330 East Fifth street. He was graduated from the local high school in 1908.

\$700,000 NOW AVAILABLE FOR WATER SYSTEM

Squabble Over Engineer Ap- pointment Delays Work.

Seven hundred thousand dollars is now available for the construction of the new waterworks system and sewer extensions. Bonds to the value of \$400,000 were delivered this morning and the money turned over to the city treasurer.

Work Delayed.

With the city commissioners and the waterworks advisory committee squabbling over who shall be named for the position of supervising engineer on the water plant job there is no way of telling when actual work will begin. Dr. J. G. Street, commissioner of public property, is of the opinion that operations will start in thirty days.

The advisory committee insists that it will not approve the appointment of Guy McClure, city engineer, as supervising engineer. On the other hand, the commission headed by Mayor Overholser is apparently determined that McClure shall have the place.

Salaries to be Paid.

Members of the committee and the commission reached an agreement of the salaries to be paid assistants as follows: Resident engineer, \$250 a month; field engineers, \$125 a month; draftsman, \$110 a month; inspectors, \$110 a month; rodmen, \$85 a month; instrument men, \$100 a month; tape men, \$70 a month; axmen, \$65 a month.

U. S. Steel Sets New High Record

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—United States Steel common shares sold at the new high record of 122 shortly after the opening of today's market, the stock being absorbed in large individual lots. This exceeds its previous maximum by half a point. It also passed the preferred stock which sold at 122. Other records of the morning included Bethlehem Steel which rose to 67 1/2 and Sears, Roebuck, 3 1/2 to 23 1/2. By 12:30 o'clock sales exceeded 1,000,000 shares, of which United States Steel contributed fully 20 percent.

Fair Tonight Is Weather Forecast

Local Forecast—Fair weather tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

State Forecast—Tonight fair weather; somewhat colder in northeast portion. Friday fair weather.

KANSAS—Fair; warmer in west portion.

ARKANSAS AND WEST TEXAS—Fair.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE

10 p. m.	65
11 p. m.	61
12 midnight	61
1 a. m.	61
2 a. m.	61
3 a. m.	60
4 a. m.	59
5 a. m.	58
6 a. m.	57
7 a. m.	54
8 a. m.	53
9 a. m.	51
10 a. m.	51
11 a. m.	51
12 noon	51
1 p. m.	50
2 p. m.	49

"Zimmie"

NEGRO ATTACKS WHITE WOMAN IN TENT NEAR CITY

Mrs. Maud Ebbs, Carpenter's Wife, Is Victim.

THROAT CUT BY KNIFE

Dan Ross, Arrested, Makes Confession, Officers Say.

Mrs. Maud Ebbs, a white woman, who lives in a tent on the river bottom, was attacked by a negro shortly after noon today. The negro, arrested in the bottom later, gave his name as Dan Ross.

Had Struggle.

Mrs. Ebbs had a struggle with the negro, she said, in which she narrowly escaped being cut to death. After she had fought with the negro and had prevented him from carrying out his purpose, he jerked out a knife and started for the woman. She kept him away, but finally he cut her on the throat. She will recover.

Negro Captured.

The negro ran down the river. Mrs. Ebbs notified the officers, who, in an automobile, captured the negro. In the county jail this afternoon, it is said, Ross made a confession.

Mrs. Ebbs' husband, a carpenter, was working at Twenty-second street and Shattell avenue at the time of the attack.

Muskogee Woman Heads Librarians

ARKANSAS CITY, Nov. 2.—Mrs. Mary Radford of Muskogee, was elected president of the Oklahoma Library association for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the association in joint conference with the annual meeting of the Kansas Library association here today. The Oklahoma association elected other officers for 1917 as follows: Mrs. J. R. Dale of Hobart, first vice president; Miss Edith Allen Phelps of Oklahoma City, second vice president; Mrs. T. S. Funk of Shawnee, secretary, and Mrs. N. E. Horne of Enid, treasurer.

The Oklahoma librarians will have their 1917 meeting at Tulsa or Shawnee and the Kansas librarians will meet at Emporia next year. Mrs. A. B. Ranney of Arkansas City, was chosen president of the Kansas Library association.

Cow Moves Into Empty Town Jail

ROWENA, S. D., Nov. 2.—A cow is the only occupant the jail here has had for months. Unoccupied, the jail deteriorated and the door left away. Then bossie took possession.

Failure Hurts Authors.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Nearly one hundred playwrights and authors suffered financial loss in the bankruptcy of the publishing house of G. W. Dillingham & Co., according to the schedule of liabilities published today. The individual royalties due are in small amounts. Liabilities were given as \$12,051 and the assets \$18,676.

EPWORTH KILLED BY CHURCHMEN, ASSERTS LAWYER

Judge Brewer Makes Closing Arguments in Famous Case.

Churchmen killed Epworth university, said Judge Phil D. Brewer in an argument before District Judge Clark this morning in the famous Epworth case.

Judge Brewer represents the University Development company, which is seeking possession of valuable Epworth property in Oklahoma City. The Methodist Episcopal church, South, also is seeking possession of the property.

"Equity, good conscience and ordinary honesty as well as an undoubted principle of law require the original understanding of all the parties be carried out and the property returned to the land company," Judge Brewer said.

"From start to finish Anton H. Classen and C. B. Ames gave their time, money and business and legal ability to make a success of the school. They were only defeated by malicious opposition of the churchmen who killed the university and now seek to fill themselves of its dead body. Not a single act in the transactions surrounding the case can ever bring a blush of shame to the cheek of Classen and Ames in their part in the Epworth case."

Judge Brewer will conclude the closing argument for the land company this afternoon.

Judge Sends Mayor To Jail; Contempt

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich., Nov. 2.—Mayor W. V. Bowers of Mount Clemens was brought before George John, justice of the peace, who fined the executive \$5 with the option of ten days in jail for contempt of court. The mayor refused to pay and was locked up. The contempt charges grew out of a civil suit in which Justice John rendered a verdict against a client of the mayor. Thereupon Mayor Bowers is alleged to have called the justice a "dirty rat."

PROBLEMS FACING BUSINESS WORLD, WILSON'S THEME

President in First of Four New York City Talks.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Discussing the business problems facing the nation, President Wilson delivered at luncheon of the Wilson businessmen's league the first of his four campaign addresses in this city today and tonight.

Notable Gathering.

He was greeted by a notable gathering of business men from many parts of the country and also by many prominent in political and professional life. Secretary of the Treasurer, Mr. Adlai Maynard Mitchell Samuel Seabury, the democratic candidate for governor of New York, William E. McCombs, candidate for United States senator, Governor Fielder of New Jersey, Senator James of Kentucky and Senator Hughes of New Jersey were among those seated at the president's table.

Cheered By Railroad Men.

When the president reached the Grand Central station to spend his only day of campaigning in New York City, with four speeches on his program for the afternoon and evening, he was cheered by a large group of railroad men.

He was met at the station by Colonel Edward M. House and Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the democratic national commission. With him he motored to the New York Yacht club pier and boarded the Mayflower for a political conference.

President Misses Bazaar.

The president found it would be impossible for him to carry out the program set for him and decided not to go.

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POPULATION 87,000 SAYS TELEPHONE MAN

The population of Oklahoma City today is placed at 87,000 by A. W. Bogenschutz, advertising manager of the telephone company. The new telephone directories were issued this morning.

The new directory shows a 15 or 16 percent development in this city, Mr. Bogenschutz said. Five hundred new subscribers are in the new directory. The present list goes to 13,023. More than 10,000 copies were printed.

15,000 Expected to Trails Convention

Fifteen thousand people will be in Oklahoma City during the Ozark Trails convention here on November 21 and 22, said M. D. Scott, of the Scott-Halliburton company, who spoke at the get-together meeting of the Chamber of Commerce held in the Skirvin hotel today at noon.

Floyd R. (Ozark) Thompson, president of the Oklahoma City Retailers' association; Rev. I. Frank Roach, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church; and E. E. Blake, local attorney, were among the other speakers.

Mr. Roach and Mr. Blake spoke on "The Best and Worst Advertising Features of Oklahoma City."

FIVE CENT JUMP TAKES PLACE IN PRICE OF WHEAT

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—Price bulges of as much as 5 1/2 cents a bushel were shown on some transactions here today in wheat. The chief reason for the advance was a report that rains in Argentina had turned out to be insufficient to relieve the drought and that Argentine newspapers were urging an embargo on exports.

May options here, in which the largest business centered today, reached \$1.87 1/2 against \$1.81 1/2 to \$1.82 at the finish yesterday. Today's close was unsettled at \$1.86 to \$1.86 1/2 for May with the market as a whole showing gains of 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents net.

Russia Sends New General to Rumania In Effort to Check Teuton Offensive

French Regain All Ground East of Meuse Taken by Germans in Spring Offensive.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Fort Vaux, one of the most important fortifications captured by the German crown prince in his prolonged drive at Verdun, has been evacuated by the Germans. The evacuation is announced by Berlin today.

Other Fort Imperilled.

Shortly before Fort Douaumont had been retaken and a wide stretch of front in this region gained by the French in their sudden offensive movement on October 25 it was pointed out that Fort Vaux likewise had been put in a perilous position. The French advanced close to the edge of the fortification on its immediate front and pushed well beyond it on each side, making it a question of a short time.

The Germans evacuated Vaux during the night, says their official report without hindrance by the French and after portions of the fort had been blown up. The French continued to pour a heavy fire from their big guns on the fortification. Virtually all the ground of pronounced value taken by the Germans on the eastern bank of the Meuse in their spring offensive at Verdun has now, with the fall of Fort Vaux, been lost to them.

French Gains Near Somme.

French troops operating in the Les Boeufs and Rancourt sectors on the Somme front also gained ground yesterday in attacks on the German lines. The Paris report of last night announcing these advances is in part confirmed by the Berlin official statement today which records French gains northeast of Morval and on the edge of the St. Pierre Vaast wood, but declares that the main effort of the French to move forward was sanguinarily repulsed.

Falkenhayn Maintains Pressure.

There was no apparent let-up in the pressure which General von Falkenhayn is exerting along the Rumanian northwestern frontier, but in general the Rumanians are reported to be holding him fairly well in check. No new advances of importance are announced today by the German war office.

On the Stokhod in Volhynia, a Russian defeat south of Witzev is reported by Berlin, which reports the capture of more than 1,500 prisoners by General von Linsingen's forces.

American Aviator Killed in Russia

BALTIMORE, Nov. 2.—Antony Janusz of Baltimore, an American aviator, was killed in the Russian air service October 12, last, according to a dispatch received here today. No details were given. Janusz was an instructor at the Canadian aeronautical school at Toronto for a time during 1915.

BANK DEPOSITS \$31,789,583; CLEARINGS GAIN

Amount Deposited Here Doubled That of Year Ago.

Bank clearings during the week ending at noon today amounted to \$6,576,672, according to a report from the clearing house. Clearings for the corresponding week in 1915 were \$3,093,700, an increase of 113 percent.

Deposits in local banks on November 1 were \$31,789,583. Combined deposits on the call of November 10, 1915, were \$17,102,637.

Harns Ask \$180,000 Judgment in Suit

A suit asking \$180,000 from the Interstate Building & Loan company and from L. C. Enoch was filed in the district court today by W. E. Harn and his wife, Alice Harn, who were the owners of the land now known as the Harndale residence district of this city.

The Harns are suing for \$70,000, alleged to be unpaid on purchase price; \$25,000 exemplary damages on the grounds Enoch had pretended to own before his purchase of it, which he did not own; and \$85,000 is asked on the grounds of a breach of contract. The Harns allege Enoch refused to release certain of their property from a judgment held against it. A vendor's lien is sought.



Lieut. Gen. Vladimir Sakharoff.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The Wireless Press has received a dispatch from Bucharest saying that Lieutenant General Vladimir Sakharoff, commander of the Russian forces in Galicia arrived in Bucharest today and will take command of the army in Dobruja.

Lieutenant General Sakharoff is rated as one of the ablest Russian commanders. He came into special prominence last summer during the Russian drive in Volhynia and Galicia, gaining a number of important successes over the Austrians before the Russian advance was halted.

General Sakharoff, it is declared, has been sent to Dobruja to check the Teuton offensive.

Youth Struck By Constable On Way Home

Police Judge Fines Boy on Complaint, and Suspends Sentence.

D. L. Thatcher, struck by Thomas L. Cox, constable, on last Saturday, is going back to Seipio, Okla. Thatcher was released from custody following his trial in the city court this morning. Judge Spitzer fined him \$10 and costs which was suspended during good behavior.

The warrant on which Thatcher was tried was the original one sworn to by Cox, which charged "attempt to steal a motorcycle."

Judge Spitzer told the young man that while there was no proof that he had attempted to steal the motorcycle, the very fact that he had touched it, constituted the offense of trespass.

"You have been in jail there for several days and I consider that a very severe punishment. I am going to fine you \$10 and costs and suspend it during good behavior," said the court.

Negro Is Nervous When Bluecoat Is in Neighborhood

E. W. Kerr, negro porter at a North Broadway rooming house, testified in the city court this morning that it made him "nervous" when he saw a policeman.

So when Patrolman Joe Hopper encountered Kerr lurking in the stairway last night and started to arrest him the negro "flew" up the steps with the officer in hot pursuit.

"Next time an officer speaks to you, don't run," was Judge Spitzer's warning as he dismissed the case against him.

Dean Monnet's Mother Dies.

NORMAN, Okla., Nov. 2.—(Special.)—All classes in the law school taught by Dean Julien C. Monnet have been dismissed indefinitely on account of the death of Dean Monnet's mother in Iowa. No classes were held in the law school Tuesday. Dean Monnet will reach his old home in time to attend the funeral services.

LOCAL POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW GREATEST GAIN

Office Has Chance to Enter \$600,000 Class.

Oklahoma City's postoffice has a fighting chance to enter the \$600,000 class on Jan. 1, 1917. Postmasters of offices in this division receive salaries second only to those in such offices as Philadelphia, New York and Chicago.

Record Gain.

Postal receipts locally for the month just ended amounted to \$63,436.54—the largest in the history of Oklahoma City. They compare with \$45,180.07 for October, 1915, an increase of \$18,256.47 or 40 percent. This, also, is the largest percentage of increase in postal receipts ever recorded here. The average increase for the past year has been less than 20 percent.

Receipts for the first ten months of this year amount to \$499,664. If \$55,000 or more is taken in at the postoffice during the months of November and December, 1916, the local office will have entered a class second to that of New York City as regards postal salary classification.

Election Helps.

The record receipts of October are partly attributable to business incident to the present political campaign, in the opinion of John Graham, assistant postmaster. However, he points out that receipts during the months of October, 1912—high tide in the Wilson-Taft-Roosevelt campaign—amounted to but \$34,968. The past month's receipts were nearly double that mark.

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